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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SPEECH ON ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS

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1. ON RECEIPT OF REFTEL A, WE ALERTED SEVERAL KEY COMMISSION OFFICES INCLUDING THE CABINET OF PRESIDENT ORTOLI. SUBSEQUENTLY THE MISSION HAS CONVEYED COPIES OF THE SECRETARY'S ADDRESS TO OVER 30 OFFICIALS IN THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND IN THE PERMANENT DELEGATIONS. WE GAVE THE SPEECH SUCH A WIDE DISTRIBUTION BECAUSE THE COMMISSION'S EFFORT TO FORMULATE A POLICY ON RAW MATERIALS HAS NOT YET BEEN CENTRALIZED AND IS BEING SHARED IN A NUMBER OF DIRECTORATES GENERAL (SEE SEPTTEL).

2. THE REACTIONS OF THE OFFICIALS TO WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN AND WHOSE ATTENTION WE HAVE DRAWN IN PARTICULAR TO THE SALIENT FEATURES OF THE ADDRESS AND THE
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PROCEDURAL OPTIONS BEING CONSIDERED (PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3,

REFTEL A) HAVE BEEN GENERALLY POSITIVE, THOUGH OFFICIALS ARE CAUTIOUS UNTIL THEY HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO STUDY THE SPEECH FURTHER AND DISCUSS IT AMONG THEMSELVES. OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO TENDED TO FOCUS ON THOSE ASPECTS RELATING TO THEIR PARTICULAR FIELDS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

3. SPAAK, THE COMMISSION'S DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ENERGY, WAS, AS USUAL, APPRECIATIVE OF HAVING THE SPEECH BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION BUT RESTRAINED IN HIS REACTIONS. HE ASKED THAT WE REPEAT TWICE, SO THAT HE COULD TAKE DOWN VERBATIM, THE NEW US APPROACH TOWARD PROCEDURAL OPTIONS (PARAGRAPH 3, REFTEL A).

4. MEYNELL, THE DIRECTOR IN EXTERNAL RELATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR RAW MATERIALS QUESTIONS, SAID THAT THE SPEECH REPRESENTS CONSTRUCTIVE MOVEMENT. HE INTERPRETS IT AS AN INDICATION THAT THE US IS TENDING TOWARD POLICY APPROACHES SIMILAR TO THOSE THE COMMUNITY IS LIKELY TO TAKE. HE THOUGHT THAT USE OF THE IBRD WAS AN EXCELLENT IDEA AND BELIEVES THAT OUR PROCEDURAL OPTION ONE ALSO SEEMED PREFERABLE-- I.E., MAKING MAXIMUM USE OF EXISTING MULTILATERAL FORA. BUT HE CAUTIONED THAT THIS WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL REACTION.

5. HIJZEN, THE DEPTUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, CHARACTERIZED THE SPEECH AS SHOWING NEW INFLUENCES AT WORK IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTRIGUED AS TO HOW WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO APPROACH THESE ISSUES IN THE MULTIALTERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. (WE EXCEPT THAT AMBASSADOR DENT WILL RECIEVE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ON THIS POINT IN HIS CONSULTATIONS WITH SOAMES ON MAY 22, REFTEL B.) EUDE, IN CHEYSSON'S CABINET, MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS, BUT SAID HE WAS PREPARING IT FOR CHEYSSON'S READING OVER THE WEEKEND. HE ANTICIPATED THAT THE ISSUES RAISED WOULD FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN THE MAY 29-30 US/EC CONSULTATIONS. OTHER OFFICIALS HAVE CHARACTERIZED THE SPEECH AS INDICATING US MOVEMENT AND HAVE PARTICULARLY WELCOMED THE INDICATION THAT WE WILL TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT COMMODITY AGREEMENTS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. WE HAVE ALSO ALERTED SOAMES' CABINET AND EXPECT TO BE TALKING WITH THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL IN ORTOLI'S CABINET, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE CURRENT COMMISSION AD HOC GROUP ON RAW MATERIALS/COMMODITIES ISSUES. GREENWALD

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